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This Application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.821 - 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., Art Unit 1641, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4244. If unable to reach the examiner, James Housel, SPE, can be contacted at (703) 308-4027.

Any questions regarding compliance with the sequence rules requirements specifically should be directed to the departments listed at the bottom of the Notice To Comply.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER WITHIN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period. Direct the response to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the response.

Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D.
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 1641
March 14, 2000

**NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CAR §1.821 - §1.825 for the following reason(s):

- 1. This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CAR §1.821 - §1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to these regulations, published at 1114 OG 29, May 15, 1990, and at 55 FR 18230, May 1, 1990.
- 2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 CAR §1.821(c).
- 3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CAR §1.821(e).
- 4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 CAR §1.822 and/or §1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked-up "Raw Sequence Listing".
- 5. The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 CAR §1.825(d).
- 6. The paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is not the same as the computer readable form of the "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 CAR §1.821(e).
- 7. Other: _____

APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE:

- An initial or substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing".
- An initial or substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing", as were as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.
- A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and, where applicable, include no new matter, as required by 37 CAR §1.821(e) or §1.821(f) or §1.821(g) or §1.825(b) or §1.825(d).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Preliminary Amendment, received 17November1998, has not been entered.

Proposed new claims are not in English, but in French.

Claims 1-29 are pending.

2. Applicants' Second Preliminary Amendment, received 8February1999, has not been entered as the amendment is directed to the cancelation of claims (36-55) which were not entered because they were in French.

Claims 1-29 remain pending.

Sequence Requirements

3. This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice to Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. Compliance with the sequence rules is required in response to this office action.

Failure to comply with the sequence rules in response to this office action will be considered nonresponsive.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-4244. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM EST.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel, can be reached on (703)308-4027. The facsimile telephone number for the Art Unit Group is (703)308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0196.

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RODNEY P. SWARTZ, PH.D.
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